

DoD / VA Sharing

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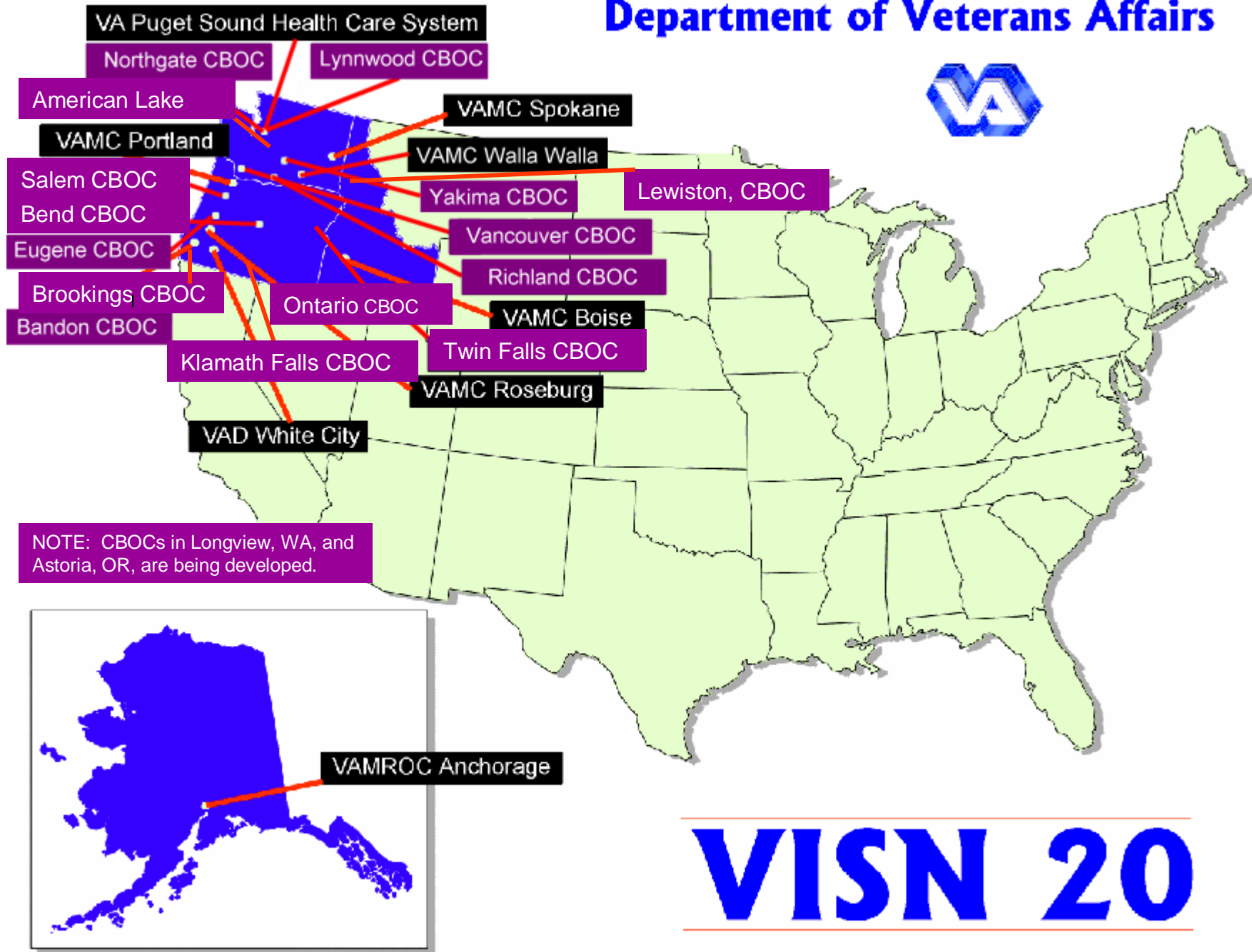
**Presentation
to the
Puget Sound Market Manager
TFMEP Course
November 7, 2003**



Agenda

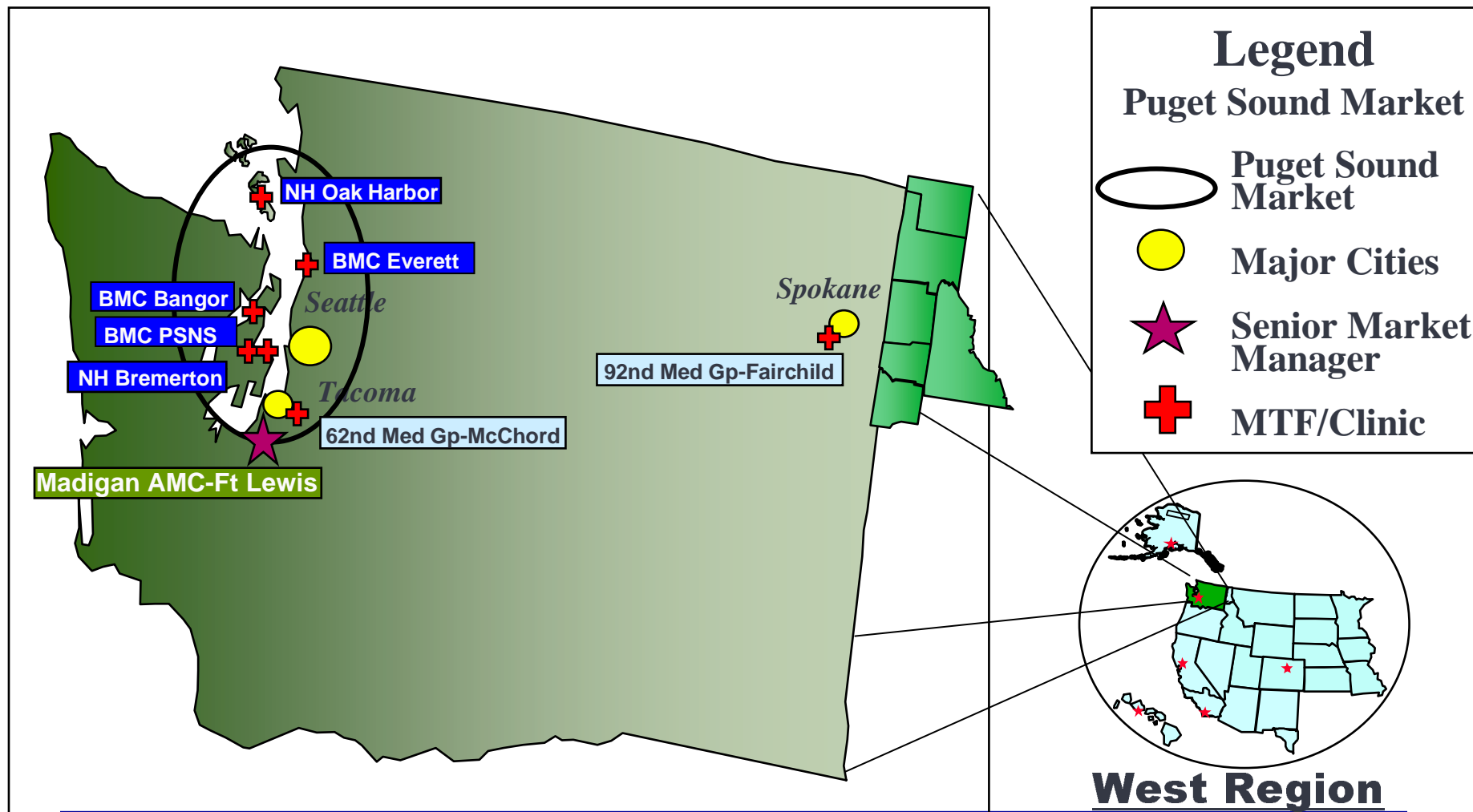
- **VA / DoD Regions**
- **President's Task Force**
- **History**
- **Current Activities**
- **Challenges**
- **Suggested Next Steps**

Department of Veterans Affairs





Puget Sound Multi-Service Market





Executive Order



- Established by Executive Order 13214 (5U.S.C. App), dated May 28, 2001
- 15 member Task Force headed by two Co-Chairs and professional staff headed by Executive Director
- Mission
 - (a) identify ways to improve benefits and services for Department of Veterans Affairs beneficiaries and Department of Defense military retirees who are also eligible for benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs through better coordination of the activities of the two departments



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- Mission (cont'd)
 - (b) review barriers and challenges that impede VA and DOD coordination, including budgeting processes, timely billing, cost accounting, information technology, and reimbursement. Identify opportunities to improve such business practices to ensure high quality and cost effective health care
 - (c) identify opportunities for improved resource utilization through partnership between the VA and DOD to maximize the use of resources and infrastructure, including: buildings, information technology and data sharing systems, procurement of supplies, equipment and services, and delivery of care



History



- Early DoD/VA Sharing during the late 1980s
- PSFHC formed in Early 1992
- Early successes in joint contracting
- PSFHC dissolved in January 1999
- DoD/VA sharing Re-energized in Spring 2001



DoD/VA Sharing Madigan – American Lake



- **Multi-Service Sharing Agreement**
 - **Inpatient**
 - **Outpatient**
 - Oncology
 - Ophthalmology
 - General Surgery
 - Radiation Therapy
 - ENT
 - Emergency Room
 - Same Day Surgery
 - and many more
- **Med/Surg Unit move to Madigan**



DoD/VA Sharing NH Bremerton – Seattle



- **Laboratory Support to VA CBOC**
- **Pharmacy Support (initial meds)**
- **Urology – Space Available only**
- **MOU at BUMED for signature**



Joint Assessment Study Puget Sound Market

Beneficiary Viewpoint

Eligible (net Dual)

685,256

Enrolled

280,801

(36%)

Users (net Dual)

224,368

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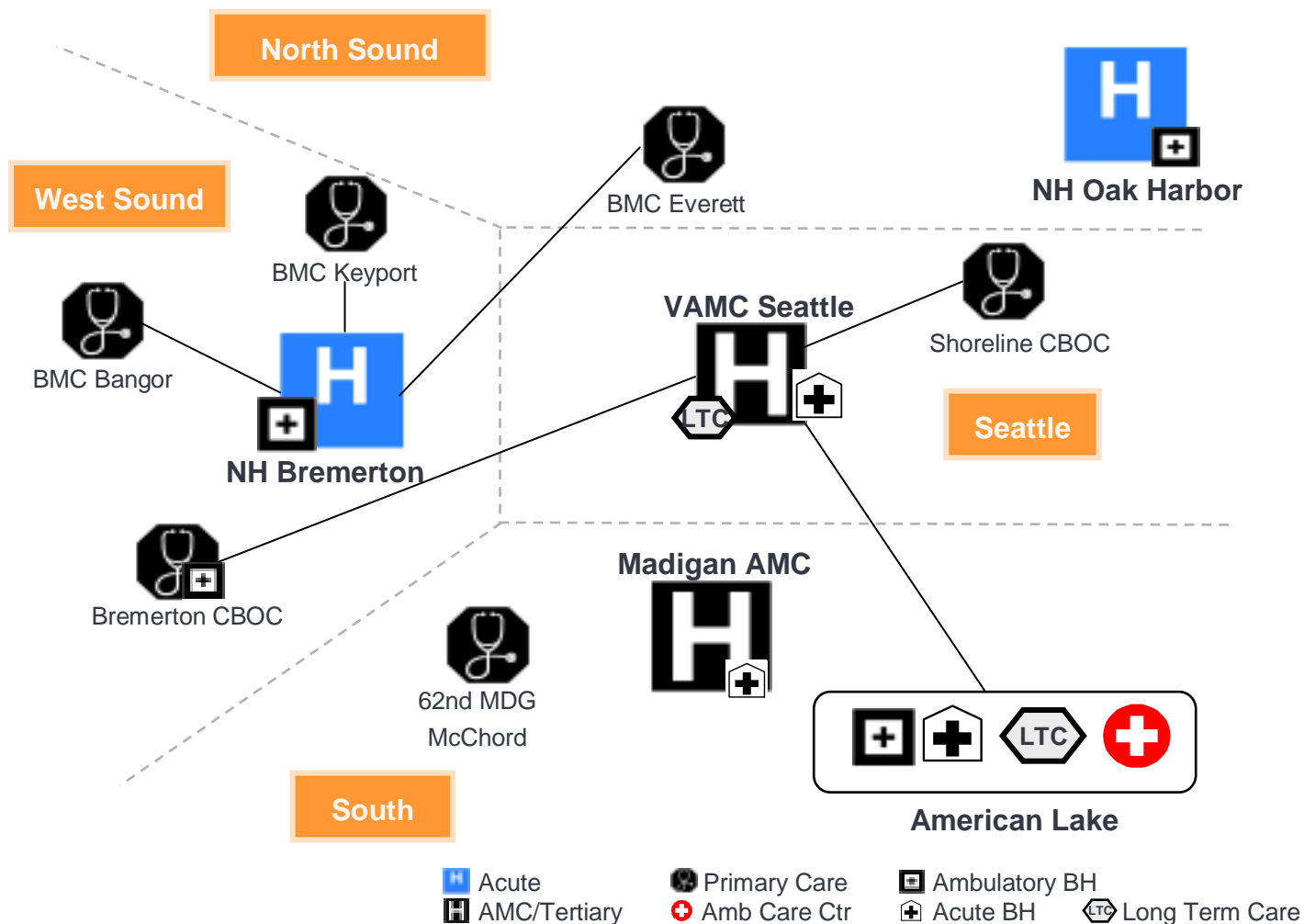
33,009

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2,043,003

Total Cost*

\$782M



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*Excludes VA purchased care.



CHALLENGES



- **Different Missions**
- **Standardized Metrics/Outcomes/Objectives**
- **Resourcing**
- **IM/IT Incompatibility**



Suggested Next Steps

1. Become completely familiar with data repository and pivot tables (what works, what doesn't, how to apply, what to change/add, etc).
2. Proceed with development of joint strategic planning at all levels, addressing both policy and fiscal concerns.
3. Test out the opportunities and models of care delivery options identified in the Joint Assessment Study.
4. Determine the requirements for dealing with those categories of collaboration that have national policy implications (e.g., IM/IT, logistics, pharmacy and GME).

Source: Joint Assessment Study 23 Oct 03



Suggested Next Steps



5. Use the Joint Assessment Study as a launching pad for necessary detailed planning
 - Facility analysis (of existing structures)
 - Master facility plans
 - Business plans
 - Operational plans
6. Use study to inform other government initiatives
 - Other markets
 - Smith Amendment/planning
 - VA/DoD HEC planning
 - Resource allocation decisions among and between Services

Source: Joint Assessment Study 23 Oct 03



Questions